

House Resolution No. 455

Whereas, Cole Ratner of St. Louis, Missouri, will be honored for achieving National Board Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards during a recognition ceremony to be held on February 19, 2008, in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda; and

Whereas, to achieve National Board Certification, Cole Ratner volunteered to participate in a lengthy and rigorous assessment which can take up to three years to complete; and

Whereas, to attain National Board Certification, Cole Ratner presented evidence of her teaching effectiveness, including classroom video segments and analysis of teacher decisions and student work; examples of teaching practices which result in an accompanying increase in student learning; models of meaningful interaction with parents to impact student learning; documents supporting such appropriate teaching strategies as large and small group learning, use of effective questioning techniques, choice of materials that engage students, checking for understanding throughout the lesson and making adjustments, and properly evaluating student work for understanding to determine what and how to reteach; and timed assessments to prove superior levels of content knowledge; and

Whereas, part of the evaluative process which Cole Ratner underwent to earn National Board Certification included appraisal by a jury of qualified experts in states other than Missouri; and

Whereas, certified in the area of Middle Childhood Generalist, Cole Ratner is an Instructional Specialist and math coach at Twillman Elementary School, where she taught fourth grade for three years and fifth grade for one year prior to assuming her current responsibilities; and

Whereas, Cole Ratner earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration and elementary education at Washington University in St. Louis and a Master's degree in special education with an emphasis in gifted education at the University of Missouri-Columbia:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Cole Ratner at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Cole Ratner, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Rachel Storch
District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 455, adopted February 7, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker